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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION: PROVISIONAL
AGENDA

FOR BRYAN BAAS

1. PLEASE DELIVER ON APRIL 15 FOLLOWING LETTER TO IWC
SECRETARY STACEY:

QUOTE DEAR MR. STACEY:

THE UNITED STATES HAS A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS REGARDING
ITEMS OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 25TH MEETING OF THE
INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION. A SENTENCE STATING THE
REASON FOR EACH REQUEST APPEARS FIRST AND IS FOLLOWED BY
SUGGESTED WORDING FOR NEW ITEMS OR CHANGES IN EXISTING
WORDING- ALL REFERENCES TO AGENDA ITEMS ARE TO EXISTING
ENUMERATION.

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2. TO PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL REMARKS AND TO

SET FORTH BASIC POSITIONS BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND PUBLIC INTEREST GROUPS, THERE SHOULD BE A NEW AGENDA ITEM JUST AFTER THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME AS FOLLOWS:

OPENING STATEMENTS BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND PUBLIC INTEREST GROUPS

3. THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS THAT THE PRESS AND OBSERVERS SHOULD BE ADMITTED TO COMMISSION MEETINGS AND SUGGESTS THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEM BE ADDED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 5 OR AS AN ADDITIONAL SUB-ITEM WITHIN ITEM 5:

OPENING MEETINGS TO PRESS AND OBSERVERS

4. THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD AGAIN DISCUSS THE SUBJECT OF A MORATORIUM AND THEREFORE WOULD PROPOSE THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEM BE ADDED PRIOR TO ITEM 9:

PROVISION FOR A WORLD-WIDE MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL WHALING

5. IN LINE WITH THE REQUEST ABOVE, WE SUGGEST THAT ITEM 9(B) BE REVISED TO INCLUDE THE WORDS QUOTE OR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MORATORIUM END QUOTE AFTER THE WORD QUOTE LIMITS END QUOTE AND TO ADD THE WORD QUOTE DETERMINATION END QUOTE BEFORE THE WORDS QUOTE OF SIZE LIMITS END QUOTE.

6. WE NOTE THAT ITEM 10 HAS NO REFERENCE TO THE PROVISION FOR ADDITIONS (IN THE FORM OF AMENDMENTS) TO THE SCHEDULE CONTAINED IN ITEM 20(J), WHEREAS SUCH A NOTATION IS MADE IN MOST OTHER AGENDA ITEMS. WE SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT A NOTE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES BE ADDED AFTER QUOTE ACTION ARISING END QUOTE:

THE DETERMINATION OF CATCH LIMITS OR THE ESTABLISHMENT

OF A MORATORIUM IN ANY AREAS OR SUB-AREAS THEREOF AND DETERMINATION OF SIZE LIMITS WOULD REQUIRE AMENDMENTS UNCLASSIFIED

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TO THE SCHEDULE--PROVISION FOR THESE IS MADE UNDER ITEM 20(J).

7. IN ITEMS 20(C)(D)(E)(F)(G)(H) AND (I), WE WOULD REQUEST THAT THE WORDS QUOTE OR ESTABLISHMENT OF MORATORIUM END QUOTE FOLLOW THE WORD QUOTE LIMITS END QUOTE.

8. IN ITEM 21, THERE IS THE NOTATION THAT THE CHANGES

IN THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS ARE TO
BE LISTED. SINCE THEY WERE LISTED LAST YEAR, WE JUST
WANT TO RAISE THE QUESTION AS TO THE NECESSITY OF AGAIN
LISTING THEM UNDER ITEM 21. WE WANT TO BE SURE NO
PROCEDURAL PROBLEM PRECLUDES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
STRENGTHENED SECRETARIAT. IF IT IS NECESSARY TO LIST THE

RULES AS LAST YEAR, WE WOULD REQUEST THAT RULE III,
DEALING WITH ADMISSION OF THE PRESS, BE LISTED ALSO.

9. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR FURTHER COMMISSION ACTION OR

RECOMMENDATION ON THE DRAFT PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION
PRESENTED BY THE UNITED STATES LAST YEAR, WE WOULD
REQUEST A NEW AGENDA ITEM FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM 21 AS
FOLLOWS:

DRAFT PROTOCOL (AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION) FOR REGULATION OF WHALING WITH
SCHEDULE OF WHALING REGULATIONS

SINCERELY,

ROBERT M. WHITE
U.S. COMMISSIONER
INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

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